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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	Examiner Raymond Phan	Art Unit 2111	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 March 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 01 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

### **Part III DETAILED ACTION**

#### *Notice to Applicant(s)*

1. This application has been examined. Claims 1-22 are pending.
2. The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 2111.

#### *Specification*

3. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

- (e) the invention was described in--
  - (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or
  - (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

5. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Dobson et al. (US No. 6,766,386).

In regard to claims 1, 8, 10, 14, 18, 20, Dobson et al. disclose the system 310 comprising a first port 404 to allow the device to communicate with other devices on the expansion bus (see figure 4, col. 6, lines 3-14); a second port 402 to allow

the device to communicate with devices on the second bus (see figure 4, col. 6, lines 3-15); a memory 414 to store data (see figure 4); a logic to receive a response (i.e. interrupt signal) from the expansion device (i.e. target device) on the expansion bus (see col. 7, lines 50-55); generate an indicator of completion (see col. 8, lines 25-29); insert the indicator into a transaction queue after the set of data (see col. 8, lines 30-39).

In regard to claims 2, 15, Dobson et al. disclose the system 310 further comprising a PCI bridge (see col. 5, lines 39-53).

In regard to claims 3, 16, Dobson et al. disclose second bus is a system bus (see col. 5, lines 39-53).

In regard to claims 4, 17, Dobson et al. disclose the second is an expansion bus (see col. 5, lines 54-67).

In regard to claims 5, 9, 19, Dobson et al. disclose an indicator of completion comprising the step of generate a transaction addressed to a predetermined area of system memory (see col. 8, lines 11-24).

In regard to claims 6, 11, 22, Dobson et al. disclose the issuance of read request to target device (see col. 7, lines 50-55).

In regard to claims 7, 12, 22, Dobson et al. disclose the step of transmitting data from the read request to a predetermined address in the system memory (see col. 8, lines 11-39).

In regard to claim 13, Dobson et al. disclose the step of receiving the data from the target device (see col. 8, lines 12-39); receiving the indicator at the predetermined area of memory (see col. 8, lines 12-39); generating interrupt to the initiator (i.e. system processor) in response the indicator (see col. 9, lines 21-29); processing the data from the device 310 (see col. 5, lines 15-35).

***Conclusion***

6. All claims are rejected.
7. The prior arts made of record and not relied upon are considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

**Johnson et al. (US No. 6,631,434)** disclose a dynamic early indication system for a computer.

**Dwork et al. (US No. 6,963,946)** disclose a descriptor management systems and methods for transferring data between a host and a peripheral.

**Bashford (US No. 6,629,179)** discloses a message signaled interrupt generating device and method.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Raymond Phan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3630. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:30AM- 4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Primary, Paul Myers can be reached on (571) 272-3639 or via e-mail addressed to paul.myers@uspto.gov. The fax phone number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [raymond.phan@uspto.gov].

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 central telephone number is (571) 272-2100.

  
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